sector in so far as creation of employment in the Indian economy is concerned;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the liberalisation of the economy is causing obstacles for the future growth of small scale industries; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure the survival and growth of this employment generating sector of the economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government has constantly been reviewing the impact of liberalisation and is of the view that this will help this sector to grow at faster rate. Government however, is also aware of the apprehensions expressed from various quarters on the adverse impact of liberalisation. With this end in view, the policy of reservation is being continued, fiscal concessions have been enhanced and to make SSI units more competitive, Government is providing support for modernisation, assistance for quality upgradation, etc. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri P. R. Nayak, former Dy. Governor of RBI was constituted to examine the adequacy of institutional credit and related aspects. The Committee has submitted its report in Sept., 1992. RBI has already announced its acceptance of most of the recommendations.

No-Industry District in Bihar

2027. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of 'no Industry' districts in Bihar at present;

(b) what are the reasons for the non-industrialisation of these districts of the state; and

(c) what action Government propose to take for establishing industries in no industry districts of the State in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) There are six (6) "No Industry Districts" in the State of Bihar, namely, Aurangabad, Bhojpur, Khagaria, Nalanda, Purnea and Saharsa (including newly carved out district of Madhepura).

(b) and (c) Industrialisation of an area is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government to the extent possible.

Leather industry in Bihar

2028. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bihar is an ideal State for the development of leather industry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of leather goods manufacturing units which are operational in the State at present and what is their average annual production with details of actual production during the last three years; and

(d) what action Government propose to take for the development of leather industry in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Bihar offers a good potential for development of leather industry. The total availability of cattle hides in the country as per the Central Leather Research Institute, Madras 1987 census is 373.96 lakh pieces out of which Bihar accounts for 37.01 lakh pieces.

(c) As per the information available with Directorate General of Technical Development (DGTD), in the organised sector there is one unit namely M/s. Bata India Limited manufacturing leather footwear— Indian type and Western type with an annual installed capacity of 63.16 lakh pairs. The production of the organised sector unit for the last 3 years is as under :—

Item of Manufacture	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Leather Footwear	53.55 lakh pairs	54.08 lakh pairs	48.33 lakh pairs

As per the information furnished by Government of Bihar the total number of leather goods manufacturing units in Bihar is 2128 as per latest survey report of Small Industries Service Institute (SISI) (1997-88). The details of production of units run by Bihar State Leather Industries Development Corporation are as follows :

	Rs. in lacs
1990-91	186.70
1991-92	163.93
1992-93	77.45

(d) A National Leather Development Programme with UNDP assistance is currently being implemented by the Government for integrated development of leather industry through the selected institutions/agencies in the country. The leather sector units in the country irrespective of the states to which they belong can directly take advantage from the facilities created under the programme. The areas earmarked for assistance are Human Resources Development, Product Development, Development of supporting industries (components, machinery) marketing etc.

Some of the major proposals under consideration by the State Government of Bihar include :—

(a) Thirty raw-hide collection centres aimed at eliminating the exploitation by middle-men.

(b) six effluent treatment plants in the tanneries.

(c) Construction of a centralised Research Laboratory at Patna.

(d) Opening of two sales centres for sale of finished leather and footwear materials.

Other important proposals by the State Government include the revamping of the three finished leather units established at Barauni, Muzaffarpur and Bettiah. Efforts are underway to entrust Khadi and Village Industries Schemes and some other parties in helping the Corporation to restart these units.

Legislation to discourage spurious auto parts

2029. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to pass a legislation to discourage the spread of spurious auto products, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) what are the details of the probable sale figures of spurious auto components as compared to original components during the last three years ; and

(c) what are the details of the loss to State Governments by way of evasion of corporate income tax and excise duty during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The "Trade Mark Bill, 1993"